Findings for the Alaska Board of Game

2019-225-BOG

Board Recommendation to the Department of Fish and Game on Subsistence Moose Hunting in Unit 19A Remainder Provided during the Southcentral Region Regulations Meeting

The Board of Game finds as follows, based on information provided by Department staff, Advisory Committees, Alaska residents and other wildlife users:

The Board recommended the department take the following actions:

- 1. Registration permits for moose in the remainder of Unit 19A will be available in person in communities in the hunt area only, during the month of July, and only one permit is allowed per household.
- 2. A person holding a permit for this hunt may not hold another moose permit in the Kuskokwim River drainage for that regulatory year.
- 3. 30 permits will be issued the first year. Up to 75 permits may be issued in subsequent years at the department's discretion. In exercising this discretion, the department should consider the harvestable portion of the moose population, the success of hunters in harvesting moose under these permits, and the potential for overhunting that could result in a population decline.
- 4. If the 2-year average bull:cow ratio decreases below 35:100 the hunt will close until a 2-year average bull:cow ratio is at least 35:100 within the hunt area.
- 5. If the harvestable portion of the population decreases below the lower range of the amount reasonably necessary for subsistence for 19A, the hunt will close until the harvestable portion reaches the minimum ANS for 19A.
- 6. No proxy hunting will be permitted for this hunt.

Vote: 5-0-2

(Members Hoffman and Burnett Absent)

March 20, 2019

Anchorage, Alaska

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Alaska Board of Game